

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Dick Haase <haaseds@att.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 9:25 AM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Sen. Linares, Art
Subject: Early Release of Felons

What are you thinking? Sentences are given for a reason. At the time of sentencing all the facts are clear in the mind of the judges. The facts should not fade as time goes on. Didn't we just hear of a case last week where a cop killer was first judged to have served enough? That before the family were given a chance to relate their suffering and endless sentence. Luckily it was overturned.

If we have a system of law, it should be based on the safety of the general public before considering the cost of incarcerating that individual.

Thank you and the Constitution for allowing me the right to voice my opinion. Sally Haase, Haddam, CT

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Raymond Toman <rgt143@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 7:45 AM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Bill # 1129

We are in favor of bill # 1129 Please do all you can to pass it Ray Toman & pam Bennett Stafford Springs Thank you

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Rebecca Buder <rebeccabuder@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 9:55 PM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: HB 6187, SB 1128

Re:
SUPPORT of HB 6187, AN ACT CONCERNING COURT PROCEEDINGS AND THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS
and
SUPPORT of SB 1128, AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF ACCELERATED REHABILITATION IN THE CASE OF ANIMAL ABUSE

Dear Co-Chair Coleman, Co-Chair Tong, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

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Rebecca Buder
Windsor, CT

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: David C. McLean <davidcmclean@mindspring.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 9:24 PM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Sen. McLachlan, Michael
Subject: SB 1129

As a resident of Connecticut I pay a LOT of money in taxes, one of those reasons for paying taxes is to keep our communities safe. This bill will help keep our state safer by making it less easier for violent criminals to be released prematurely. I am in favor of this bill

David C. McLean
Sherman, CT

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Martha Diamant <marthadiamant@att.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 9:01 PM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Boucher, Toni; Sen. Boucher, Toni
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

To Whom It May Concern,

I am strongly in favor of having this bill passed to make our communities safer.
This action is long overdue.

Sincerely,
Martha Diamant
Weston, CT



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Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Drummond <sdrummnd@optonline.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 8:07 PM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Sen. Boucher, Toni
Subject: SENATE BILL 1129

We support Senate Bill 1129 as it will help to protect the citizens of this state from early release of violent criminals by preventing them from earning risk reduction credits. Please support Senator Boucher's efforts in this matter.

Sonja & Donald Drummond
2 Horseshoe Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Tim Slade <trs1vet@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 7:08 PM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Sen. Kissel, John A.
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

I am writing to express my support of subject bill. We cannot take the chance that a "violent" criminal may offend again.

T.R. Slade
Enfield, CT

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Marlene Wilhelm <mtwilhelm@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 6:48 PM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Testimony for 2 bills: SUPPORT HB 6187 (court advocate for animals) and SUPPORT SB 1128 (AAC accelerated rehab in cases of animal abuse)

April 1, 2015

Re:
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In addition:

- A number of studies have drawn links between the abuse of animals and violence against people.
- Pet abuse is associated with domestic violence.
- Acts of animal cruelty are linked to a variety of other crimes, including violence against people, property crimes, and drug or disorderly conduct offenses.
- We need to take animal abuse more seriously. A 2013 research report by the Office of Legislative Research ([2013-R-0148](#)) describes procedural outcome of animal cruelty offenses from 2002 through 2012 (n = 3,699). Table 1 shows that 51% of offenses were nolle (this means that the prosecutor decided not to prosecute), 33% were dismissed, 0.2 % resulted in findings of not guilty, and only 16% resulted in guilty findings.
- I'd like to see even tougher laws for those individuals who post on Facebook and other social media their gruesome animal cruelty acts or promote animal cruelty.

CT needs to be a leader in implementing stronger penalties for the innocent animals who suffer torture, mutilation, abuse, and death at the hands of humans.

Yours truly,
Marlene Wilhelm
11 Krystal Lane
Windsor, CT 06095

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: rhtroy@troylegal.com
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:46 PM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

I just came across the attached: <http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=11352>. It relates directly to Senate Bill 1129. It would be a shame if we were to further burden the taxpayer by arbitrarily or automatically locking people up rather than allowing intelligent judges to do the job they are being paid to do. Let's lock up folk who should be locked up, not folk who hit some automatic legislative tripwire.

Richard H. Troy
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New Canaan, Connecticut 06840
203-594-9626

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: dawn anderson <dawn9645@att.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:40 PM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Sen. Martin, Henri
Subject: Prison Early Release Bill

TO ALL CONCERNED:

It is important that the bill up for public discussion for the changes in the Early Prison Release be passed for the safety of all of CT residences.

Richard & Dawn Anderson

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Andrea <ammscorpio7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:31 PM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Bills 6187 and 1128

Testimony Concerning Bills 6187 and 1128, Judiciary Committee Hearing, April 1, 2015@ 10:30am.

I would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for the opportunity to express my support for Bills 6187 and 1128.

I care deeply about the well being and safety of all animals. I wish to express how much I want every animal to be sheltered from harm. I am a school teacher in Hartford and it is so important to me that children understand how to be kind to animals. I have heard that many children who abuse animals grow up to be adults who abuse other people. We must implement harsher laws for those who are abusive to animals. Examples must be set that being abusive and cruel to animals is wrong and should result in more serious punishments.

In my community in the southend of Hartford I work with the feral cat population. I do trap/neuter/return. The feral cat population is a direct result of owners who are either abusive or neglectful to their animals. I have had strays come through who have been dumped by owners. Their conditions horrific. One such kitty had been dumped outside by a family. As she grew she tried to get her collar off and the collar became lodged in her skin under her arm. Eventually the collar was so embedded it hit her bone and stayed there until I came along, trapped her, and got her to a vet for to be cared for. Had she not been taken to the vet the wound would have become more infected and death certain. This was absolute abuse/neglect to me. Luckily for her she didn't die that way without a home and in so much pain.

Every day a facebook friend who is a huge German Shepard lover shares pictures of dogs who have been abused by their owners and now are many times in high kill shelters looking for foster families to help. These dogs have either been beaten, neglected, literally tossed out of cars, left to starve, or stabbed and strangled and she tries to get people on Facebook to help. This type of abuse goes on everywhere in our nation and the world. There are so many stories like this and it must stop now. It is time for the world to wake up! We need to act and we need to show our children that treating animals the right way and being kind and compassionate people is important. We need to do this by expecting more from our citizens and when they are abusive they need to pay the price.

There must be a call to action. I hope you will support these two bills and thank you for the opportunity to speak.

Andrea Muller
Hartford, CT
Sent from my iPhone

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Vicki Flint <stopabusinganimals@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1:32 AM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Testimony for 2 bills: SUPPORT HB 6187 (court advocate for animals) and SUPPORT SB 1128 (AAC accelerated rehab in cases of animal abuse)

March 31, 2015

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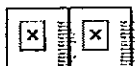
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Acts of animal cruelty are linked to a variety of other crimes, including violence against people, property crimes, and drug or disorderly conduct offenses.

Yours truly,

Victoria M. Flint
40 William St. Apt.406
Danbury, CT 06810



"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."--Mahatma Ghandi

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Ava Fiore <afrankfiore@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 4:24 AM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 6187 and SUPPORT SB 1128

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Thank you,
Ava Fiore
Enfield, CT

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From: Chris <my98tj@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 6:44 AM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Testimony for 2 bills: SUPPORT HB 6187 (court advocate for animals) and SUPPORT SB 1128 (AAC accelerated rehab in cases of animal abuse)

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Yours truly,
Christine DellaRocco
17 Myrtle Ave
Ansonia CT

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Thomas Bloch <tbloch@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:22 AM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Sen. Linares, Art
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am very much in favor of the reform measures contained in this bill and am writing this in order to urge its passage.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Bloch
617 Town St.
Moodus, CT

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Tom Walker <meridentw@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:25 PM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Sen. Linares, Art
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

Following is the text of an email I have sent to my legislators and also several other interested parties incl. other reps I know:

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Thanks for keeping me posted on the saga of the Early Release Program, and am very pleased to hear that SB 1129 will address many of the concerns so many of us have about releasing dangerous criminals prior to them serving the time for which they were sentenced. It is especially disturbing when they take advantage of the system to earn credits for which they did not deserve according to the intent of the program. We are strongly opposed to releasing these criminals as part of any release program, and every candidate eligible for parole should be considered according the laws, policies, and procedures as they have been established. Any such changes should be brought before the General Assembly and processed through new legislation as any other new bills are handled.

That said, I wish I was available to attend the upcoming hearing, to hear first hand what the intent of this bill is and how it relates to the concerns we have with the early release of these dangerous individuals. As you well know, one of our Meriden citizens fell victim to one of these prisoners, who committed an armed robbery at his store, and then murdered him in cold blood for no reason other than he of course could identified him. As we know, that did not help him, and now victim's family will never be the same without him, a terrible tragedy that could have and should have been prevented, if not for this early release program.

I will be out of state beginning tomorrow, but will keep track of what's happening in Hartford, and hope the necessary majority of senate and house required at all stages of this legislation see fit to improve the measures by which Connecticut inmates are considered for prison release.

Thanks again for all your work for the citizens of Meriden, and around the State of Connecticut. I trust my other contacts listed here are able to support this cause, and that the results are favorable to all concerned, and our city and State will be a safer place to live.

Sincerely,

Tom Walker & Family

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I HOPE YOUR EFFORTS ARE SUCCESSFUL; I wish I was able to attend the hearing!

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Richard Leide <richardleide@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:26 PM
To: JUDtestimony@cga.ct.gov.; Henri.Martin@cga.ct.gov.
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

PASS THIS BILL 1129 ,

change the parole board they are not doing what the public want ,

Richard Leide

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Tangorra, Christopher <tangorra@gabelli.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:09 PM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Toni.Boucher@cga.ct.gov
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

I am strongly in favor of Senate Bill 1129

Please make certain my email is added to the files in support of this bill.

Thank you,

Chris

This message is sent by:
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Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: tompkinsz@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:12 PM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Martin Henri
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

The early release program needs reform, and I am in favor of Senate Bill 1129.

Deborah Tompkins
Plainville

Sent from my iPhone

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Gail Hunley <ghunley206@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:13 PM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Sen. Guglielmo, Anthony
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

Please support this bill because, as you are aware, the bill reforms the early release system by adding manslaughter, persistent dangerous felons and sex offenders, aggravated sexual assault of a minor, and assault of pregnant woman resulting in loss of fetus as crimes for which a person cannot earn risk reduction credits.

The bill would also require a prison warden to review and sign off on risk reduction credits earned by an inmate.

These are sensible reforms for public safety.

Thank you in advance of your support,

Ron Hunley

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: kathy prudden <kathyprudden@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 4:44 PM
To: JudTestimony; Sen. Guglielmo, Anthony
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

Good day to all concerned,

As a resident and taxpayer of CT, I would like to voice my opinion before your committee:

I am totally against the State's Early Release Program. Any person that commits a crime against society at the level of sex offenders, aggregated assault including sexual assault of a minor, pregnant women or has been convicted of robbery with assault or murder should NEVER be considered for early release. These people by conviction have proven to not be productive members of our society and should do the full time for their acts against the productive hard working, tax paying members of our State. As a humane society they should be incarcerated for their acts, given humane treatment including food and medical needs.

If we find ourselves with overcrowding because the felons outnumber our facilities then we should build more facilities. That would add jobs to the State. We should also cut the programs that are offered during incarceration such as educational programs that productive citizens are required to pay for. While incarcerated an inmate should have access to books, exercise and basic needs but that is it. Humane treatment should be nutritional diets but also comparable to what working families balancing budgets eat. After all, these people are being PUNISHED for an act against society not given a free ride for acting against the productive tax paying citizens of CT. The hard working, taxpayers of CT should not be at risk to their safety because the systems needs to purge the felons to save a buck.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kathy Prudden

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Tom G <tjg911@att.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 4:29 PM
To: JudTestimony; JudTestimony
Cc: Sen. Martin, Henri; Sen. Martin, Henri
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

Please consider this bill to stop the early release system in our prisons. These violent criminals must be locked up for the maximum amount of time to protect the public. I am surprised that you could possibly consider early release for criminals who commit manslaughter, aggravated sexual assault of a minor, and assault of pregnant woman resulting in loss of fetus and persistent dangerous felons and sex offenders.

Thank you,

Thomas Gallucci

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Amy Eisner <nb4success@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:13 PM
To: Sen. Guglielmo, Anthony; JudTestimony
Subject: prison early release

To it may concern,

I am writing you in support of the proposal by Anthony Guglielmo's to reform early prison release laws. **Especially those pedophiles.** There is no cure for them, and this places them at the top of the list for re-offenders. I have a dear friend who was molested and raped by her uncle. He did 4 years, and is now out. This poor kid just lives in horror that she is going to see him again. Although he even broke a parole violation this jackass remains a free man, while this now 27 year old lady lives in fear. I don't think these people should ever get out.

Ironically we have left the pot offenders in jail costing us on average in excess of 80K annually. I think the prison is keeping the wrong people in, and letting the wrong people out!!!

Should we really be paying 80K for just a stoner?? That is ridiculous!! Ct. also needs to decriminalize pot. We could use this money to repair our roads and bridges, while concurrently putting the middle class back to work. It is not the stoners out there killing people it is the drunks!

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Respectfully,

Amy Eisner, M.A.

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: george cushing <georgecushing@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:10 PM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Sen. McLachlan, Michael
Subject: Early Prison Release

I strongly favor the proposed legislation to eliminate early release for violent felons and to have wardens personally approve good behavior credits.

George Cushing
1 Amber Dr
New Fairfield CT06812

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Bradway, Donald <donald.bradway@uconn.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 11:48 AM
To: JudTestimony
Cc: Sen. Guglielmo, Anthony
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

As a resident and taxpayer of Connecticut I support Senate Bill 1129.

Donald Bradway
Stafford , Ct

Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

From: Ron Giddix <rgiddix@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 11:49 AM
To: JudTestimony; Sen. Martin, Henri; kencockayne@ci.bristol.ct.us
Subject: Senate Bill #1120 (Early Prisoner Release)

Please be advised that is my opinion that no prisoner under any circumstances should receive an early release unless a complete psychological analysis has been performed on the prisoner, and the findings are indicated in writing to be favorable for early release.

Anything less than this would be spinning your wheels going nowhere.

RONALD W. GIDDIX